GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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FARMERS LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers living below poverty line in the country particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) the details of schemes being implemented for the farmers;

(c) the details of funds released by the Government during 2000-01, 2001-2002 and 2002- 2003, scheme-wise, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the number of farmers benefited as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The Planning Commission estimates poverty line at national and state level from thelarge sample surveys on household consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO).The occupation category wise estimates of poverty are not available. Based on the data from the latest large sample survey of the 55th Round on household consumer expenditure conducted by NSSO, the Planning Commission has estimated 193.24million persons, including farmers, living below poverty line in rural areas in the country in 1999-2000. The number of persons living below poverty line in rural Maharashtra is 12.51 million in the same year.

(b)&(d): The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.